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**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RESTRICTION/ELECTION
and
AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 15, 2006, which included a request for restriction and election of species. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment to the claims provided herein. Response to the request for restriction and election of species is made in view of the amended claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks, including the response to the request for restriction and election of species, begin on page 7 of this paper.